

HOUSE BILL 1037

By Hurley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,  
Chapter 4, relative to special license plates for the  
Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by  
adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and who  
is certified as a member or associate member of the Tennessee Fraternal Order of  
Police, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and  
licensing of motor vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle  
and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a registration plate for a motor  
vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b)

(1) The application for such registration plates shall be accompanied by a  
statement from the Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police certifying the applicant  
to be a member or associate member of the organization.

(2) Only members of the Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police or their spouses  
and associate members of the organization shall be permitted to receive the registration  
plates.

(c) The registration plates provided for in this section shall be of the same design as the Fraternal Order of Police plates authorized and issued prior to July 1, 2011, and shall bear the inscription "FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE" or "FOP" and an appropriate standardized insignia of the organization.

(d)

(1) Within thirty (30) days of terminating membership or associate membership in the Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police, an applicant to whom a registration plate has been issued pursuant to this section shall surrender the plate to the county clerk of the county of the applicant's residence.

(2) The Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police shall provide biannually to the department the names and addresses of any persons who have terminated their membership or associate membership in the Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police, together with any other identifying information as the commissioner may require.

(e) The commissioner is authorized and shall issue a registration plate to an owner or lessee of a motorcycle who is otherwise eligible for a Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police plate; provided, however, that the owner or lessee shall comply with the state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motorcycles and shall pay the regular fee applicable to motorcycles and the applicable fee specified in § 55-4-203 prior to the issuance of the plate.

(f) Funds produced from the sale of Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated to the Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police Charitable Foundation in accordance with § 55-4-215.

(g) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person issued a Fraternal Order of Police cultural license plate authorized and issued prior to July 1, 2009, or a National

Fraternal Order of Police new specialty earmarked license plate authorized and issued prior to July 1, 2011, shall be entitled to retain the license plate for vehicular use upon compliance with all motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and payment of all required fees. Both plates shall be considered Tennessee Fraternal Order of Police new specialty earmarked plates upon their first renewal on or after July 1, 2011.

(h) The minimum issuance requirements of § 55-4-201(h) shall not apply to the registration plates authorized by this section.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7)(SS), is amended by deleting such subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-245, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.